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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2003. Claims 1-36 have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-19 drawn to a signage article) with traverse, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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